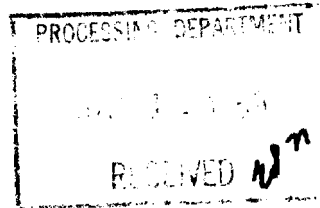




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Mr. Lewis C. Coffin, Associate Director
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Dear Mr. Coffin:

I am writing in answer to your letter of December 10, 1958 addressed to the Surgeon General.

The NIH library will be glad to cooperate with the Library of Congress in bringing the iron curtain scientific literature to the attention of scientists and scholars. However, there is a factor which will keep the volume of our reportage to a minimum.

Our selections and hence acquisitions are pragmatically determined by the needs of our scientists. We make no special effort in the library to acquire iron curtain literature per se, but are more concerned with the international literature of (let us say) neurophysiology. The literature we acquire for review by the Russian Scientific Translation Program is deposited after our inspection in the National Library of Medicine, where it is duly reported either in the form of an NLM card, reproduced by the L.C. Card Division and printed in the National Library of Medicine Catalog, or as an entry in the Current List of Medical Literature.

We shall make an effort to see that the iron curtain literature which we do retain, and which may lie outside the scope of the National Library of Medicine is duly reported to the Library of Congress in conformity with Mr. Howerton's request.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Adams

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